

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (amended) Laboratory pipette (4) composed particularly of a transparent tube (3) comprising one end (4) for sampling a liquid and one suction end (5) into which a piece (2) of fibrous material is inserted with a ~~couleur~~ color corresponding to at least one characteristic of the pipette and particularly to its nominal volume, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the piece of fibrous material (2) is in the form of a braid of interlaced threads of synthetic fibres fibers, the said braid being folded such that the fold (2₄) thus formed is located towards the inside of the pipette.

2. (amended) Laboratory pipette (4) according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the braiding occupancy of the braid is normal.

3. (amended) Laboratory pipette (4) according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

4. (amended) Laboratory pipette (4) according to claims 1 ~~to 3~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the weight per linear ~~metre~~ meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

5. (amended) Laboratory pipette (4) according to claims 1 ~~to 4~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

6. (amended) Method of identifying at least one characteristic, and particularly the nominal volume of a laboratory pipette (4) composed particularly of a transparent tube (3) comprising one end (4) for sampling a liquid and one suction end (5) into which a piece (2) of fibrous material is inserted with a ~~couleur~~ color corresponding to the characteristic of the pipette (4),

~~characterised~~ characterized in that the piece of fibrous material (2) used is in the form of a braid of interlaced threads of synthetic fibres fibers, that is folded before insertion and is then inserted in the suction end, such that the fold thus formed is located towards the inside of the pipette.

7. (amended) Method according to claim 6, in which the flow velocity of the liquid to be sampled is regulated particularly by choosing the number of threads in the braid and the weight of the braid per linear ~~metre~~ meter.

8. (amended) Method according to claim 6 or 7, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the braiding occupancy of the braid is normal.

9. (amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 6 to 8~~, characterised characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

10. (amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 6 to 9~~, characterised characterized in that the weight per linear ~~metre~~ meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

11. (amended) Method according to ~~one of claims 6 to 10~~, characterised characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

12. (new) Laboratory pipette according to claim 2, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

13. (new) Laboratory pipette according to claim 2, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

14. (new) Laboratory pipette according to claim 3, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

15. (new) Laboratory pipette according to claim 2, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

16. (new) Laboratory pipette according to claim 3, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

17. (new) Laboratory pipette according to claim 4, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

18. (new) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the braiding occupancy of the braid is normal.

19. (new) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

20. (new) Method according to claim 8, characterized in that the braid is composed of 4, 8 or 16 interlaced threads.

21. (new) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

22. (new) Method according to claim 8, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

23. (new) Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the weight per linear meter of the braid is between 0.5 and 4.5 g/m.

24. (new) Method according to claim 7, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

25. (new) Method according to claim 8, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

26. (new) Method according to claim 9, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.

27. (new) Method according to claim 10, characterized in that the braid is made of polypropylene.